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(SUCCESSOR TO SF 260)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the affairs of the governing body of a
2 drainage district by providing for public access to meetings
3 and records.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 21.2, subsection 1, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. i. The governing body of a drainage or
1 4 levy district as provided in chapter 468, including a board as
1 5 defined in section 468.3, regardless of how the district is
1 6 organized.
1 7 Sec. 2. Section 22.1, subsection 1, Code 2009, is amended
1 8 to read as follows:
1 9 1. The term "government body" means this state, or any
1 10 county, city, township, school corporation, political
1 11 subdivision, tax-supported district, nonprofit corporation
1 12 other than a fair conducting a fair event as provided in
1 13 chapter 174, whose facilities or indebtedness are supported in
1 14 whole or in part with property tax revenue and which is
1 15 licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to chapter
1 16 99D-7; the governing body of a drainage or levy district as
1 17 provided in chapter 468, including a board as defined in
1 18 section 468.3, regardless of how the district is organized; or
1 19 other entity of this state, or any branch, department, board,
1 20 bureau, commission, council, committee, official, or officer
1 21 of any of the foregoing or any employee delegated the
1 22 responsibility for implementing the requirements of this
1 23 chapter.

EXPLANATION

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1 25 This bill would expressly provide that a governing body of
1 26 a drainage or levy district must comply with the provisions of
1 27 Code chapter 21 (the open meetings law), which provides that
1 28 generally meetings must be preceded by public notice and must
1 29 be held in open session, and the provisions of Code chapter 22
1 30 (the open records law), which provides that generally a person
1 31 has a right to examine, copy, and disseminate public records.
1 32 The district's governing body would include a board of
1 33 supervisors, the joint boards of supervisors in case of
1 34 intercounty levee or drainage districts, and the board of
1 35 trustees in case of a district under trustee management.

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